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SUBJ: ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS HUNGARY

1. OFFICIAL THREE-DAY VISIT TO HUNGARY OF ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON ENDED AUGUST 28. VISIT CREATED OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST MEETING WITH GOH FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA. AGUSTSSON ALSO PAID CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER LAZAR AND PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL PAL LOSONCZI. HSWP SECRETARY JANOS KADAR WAS ON VACATION IN CRIMEA AND DID NOT RETURN TO BUDAPEST UNTIL DAY ICELANDER DEPARTED.

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2. COMMUNIQUE WAS RATHER UNEXCEPTIONAL. BILATERAL RELATIONS

ARE IMPROVING. BOTH PARTIES WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES. THERE ARE NO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN HUNGARY AND ICELAND. BOTH PARTIES AGREED THAT PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN FULL AND THAT POLITICAL DETENTE SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITH MILITARY DETENTE.

3. ICELANDIC FONMIN GAVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION RE 200-MILES. SAID ICELAND HAS

EXTENDED ONLY ITS FISHING RIGHTS TO 200 MILES AND HAS NO INTENTION OF EXPANDING FRONTIER OF ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS BEYOND PRESENT 12-MILE LIMIT. AGUSTSSON AT SAME TIME EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS OF LAND-LOCKED NATIONS.

4. LATER AT THE AIRPORT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMARIZED ICELANDIC VIEWPOINT ON SEA-LAW ISSUES AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE MEETING IN NEW YORK. WE HOPE THAT THE RIGHTS OF MARITIME STATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND THE 200 NAUTICAL MILE ECONOMIC LIMIT WILL BE ESTABLISHED. ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE HAVE EXTENDED ONLY OUR FISHING BOUNDARIES TO 200 MILES BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF OUR 12-MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS. WE SUPPORT FREE NAVIGATION ON THE HIGH SEAS. WE DO NOT OBSTRUCT IT NEAR OUR ISLAND. WE HOPE THAT THE NEW YORK DEBATE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF STATES WITHOUT SEACOASTS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT HUNGARY RECOGNIZES THE ECONOMIC LIMIT EXTENDED TO 200 MILES; THEREFORE WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU."
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